GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1081
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COURT`S DIRECTIVES ON ADMISSION OF POOR PATIENTS
Athawale Shri Ramdas

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High Court had issued any directives on November 14, 2002 regarding admission of 20 per cent poor patients in hospitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the hospitals complying with the directives and those not complying with the directives; and

(d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government against the hospitals not complying with the Court`s directives?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The Land & Development Office, Ministry of Urban Development has informed that the Delhi High Court vide their order dated 15.11.2002 directed the Government of India and the Government of NCT of Delhi to appoint a Joint Committee to go into the records of the hospitals so that they are able to know as to how many patients were treated free of cost in accordance with the stipulations contained in the letters of allotment of land to them.

Out of the land allotted for hospitals by the Land & Development Office, the condition of free beds was imposed in case of two hospitals namely VIMHANS & Veerawali International Hospital. The VIMHANS has not been complying with the conditions of free treatment and the allotment of land in favour of VIMHANS has been cancelled against which the VIMHANS submitted a representation for reconsideration of the matter.

The Delhi Development Authority has informed that the Committee headed by Secretary, Urban Development, pointed out names of 10 hospitals found violating terms and conditions of allotment which were allotted land by Delhi Development Authority. Subsequently, Delhi Development Authority issued show cause notices to all the ten hospitals and their replies were sent to Directorate of Health, Government of NCT of Delhi for detailed examination as the sponsoring department is responsible for monitoring day-to-day conduct of the hospitals. The matter is subjudice.